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Our European Dispatches.

[BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.]

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LIVERPOOL, December 20.—Evening.—Cotton easy under unfavorable trade reports, but more doing; sales 10,000 bales.

PARIS, December 20.—The bullion has increased nine million francs.

FRANKFORT, December 20.—Bonds, 76 1/2.

Our Washington Dispatches.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILL.—POSSIBILITY OF A DEFEAT OF THE COTTON TAX REPEAL BILL.—GENERAL HANCOCK—JOHN MITCHELL AND THE FENIAN.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The veto of the bill striking the word white from District ordinance did not come in to-day. There is some difference of opinion, but the presumption is that this withholding of the veto amounts to a pocket veto.

There was a full meeting of the Cabinet to-day. A count to-day indicates that the bill for the repeal of the cotton tax, had the vote been taken, would have failed by five votes. An ultimate modification of the tax is probable; but it will hardly apply to this year's crop.

A paragraph carried that General Hancock was a member of the Military Commission which hung Mrs. Surratt, is untrue.

Cassidy (Democrat), who is the caucus candidate for Senator from California, is a prominent lawyer, formerly of New York.

John Mitchell declines the Presidency of the Fenian Brotherhood.

Revenue receipts to-day \$326,000.

Congressional.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—After the introduction and reference of some unimportant resolutions, the debate on the cotton tax was resumed. Wide and wild views were expressed, when, without taking action, or reading the amendatory Reconstruction bill, the Senate went into Executive session and adjourned.

HOUSE.

The bill forbidding public lands granted to Southern railroads came up. Mr. Julian contended that only the New Orleans and Opelousa Railroad have been complied with the terms of General Grant. The matter was finally postponed to the second Tuesday in January.

Adjourned.

The Virginia Convention.

RICHMOND, December 20.—A resolution was introduced asking Congress to continue in service all officers of the Freedmen's Bureau now on duty in Virginia until the bill is reconstructed. After a debate, it was generally agreed that a debate, which had proved itself a beneficial institution, but had some bad men in it who ought to be mustered out, the resolution was defeated by a vote of 35 to 23.

The committee reported a bill of rights and two articles of the constitution. The only change from the old bill of rights is a clause making allegiance to the United States Government paramount to that due the State Government. Referred.

The convention adjourned until January 2.

The Georgia Convention.

ATLANTA, December 20.—The Convention passed an ordinance to-day to levy and collect a tax of one-sixteenth of one per cent. It also requires the State Treasurer to advance \$40,000 to the disbursing officer of the Convention.

Conservative Meeting.

SAVANNAH, December 20.—There was a large Conservative meeting held last night, endorsing the action of the Macon Convention. One of the resolutions is as follows: "That our object is to maintain in tact the constitution of our fathers and the rights of the States thereunder."

The Civil Rights Bill in Mobile—Mayor Horton's Round Gouge.

MOBILE, December 20.—The trial of Mayor Horton, appointed for a violation of the Civil Rights bill, in the case of Charles Archie Johnson, a negro, was concluded to-day. This trial was occasioned by illegal banishment of said Johnson from the city. The case was fully and ably argued before Judge Busted, of the United States District Court. The case provoked considerable discussion and interest among the people. It is regarded a fair test of the protection afforded by the bill and resulted in a verdict of guilty, rendered a few moments after the jury had retired. The sentence will be promulgated at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Affairs in New Orleans.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN VICKSBURG—GENERAL MONROE'S ORDERS REVOKED—A PROPOSED LAND DIVISION.

NEW ORLEANS, December 20.—Another fire occurred at Vicksburg at 12 o'clock last night, which destroyed \$75,000 of property, which was insured at \$85,000. This makes three incendiary fires in that city during the past week.

Orders were issued yesterday removing certain justices of peace and clerks of courts, the superintendent of education, and the Secretary of the State, and appointing others in their places. General Hancock states that the allegations are not sustained.

A resolution was adopted yesterday requesting Congress to pass a law ordering all public lands, and lands sold by the United States Marshal and under process of courts, to be surveyed and sold in tracts not more than a hundred and less than five acres, and forbidding the sale of more than one such tract to one individual or corporation.

Distress in Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., December 20.—There is a great distress in Richmond. The Freedmen's Bureau is issuing three thousand rations from the soup houses to destitute white and colored persons to-day.

Market Reports.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Cotton quiet; sales 1800 bales, at 52c. Flour dull; sales \$8.40 to 10.65; Southern mixed \$1.37 1/2. Wheat dull. Corn quiet; Western mixed \$1.37 1/2. Meats quiet. Lard quiet. Groceries quiet. Turpentine 50 1/2 to 51 1/2. Rosin 27 1/2. Freight dull.

BALTIMORE, December 20.—Cotton steady. Flour very dull. Corn flat; prime Southern red \$2.74 to 2.72. Rye and Oats firm. Provisions very dull. CINCINNATI, December 20.—Flour dull and dropping. Corn flat at 85c. New Pork \$30.50 to 31.2c. Sugar steady at 13c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 20.—Sugar quiet, firm and unchanged. Molasses unchanged. Flour quiet; Superfine \$9.50; Choice \$13. Corn quiet and unchanged. Oats 8c. Pork quiet; asking 12c. Bacon shoulders retailing at 11 1/2 to 12c. Lard, no tapers in market; in kegs, 14 1/2 to 15c. Cotton active; Orleans 45 1/2; sales to-day 5000; receipts 9712; exports 956; sales of the week 32,000; receipts of the week 34,088; exports of the week 22,383; coastwise 2518; stock 102,000; foreign 10,447. Work steady at discount. Gold 33.

—Some one remarked to Mrs. Siddons that she was necessary to actors, as it gave them confidence. "More," replied the actress, "it gives us breath."

RECONSTRUCTION IN A NEW PHASE.

THAD. STEVENS' LATEST PLAN.

INTERESTING DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House of Representatives at Washington, on Wednesday last, as already reported by telegraph, the bill of Mr. Stevens in relation to reconstruction was amended and passed by a majority of 120 yeas to 90 nays.

The registered voters for the new constitution to a majority of the votes cast. The second section provides for the election of representatives at the time of the election on the constitution, who shall take their seats at the session succeeding the one at which their States are admitted. In this form it was passed, the third section, providing for the new ratio of representation, having been stricken out. We copy an abstract of the debate:

Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, rising to a privileged question, asked the speaker to call attention to the fact that the restoration of the late rebel States was referred to the committee on Reconstruction, and that the committee on Reconstruction had agreed upon a bill embracing the features of his bill, and that he had introduced it to the House.

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Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, said that was a mistake. His colleague's bill had been voted down in the committee.

The vote whereby the bill was committed was reconsidered, and the bill was taken up for consideration. Mr. Ashley moved to amend by striking out the third section of the substitute, which designates the number of representatives for each State.

Mr. Ashley desired to offer an amendment providing that the constitutional conventions of the Southern States shall have power to provide for the election of representatives to the new Congress, and that the number of representatives shall be determined by the number of representatives for each State.

Mr. Bingham objected to the amendment, and as it required unanimous consent, it was not adopted.

Mr. Ingersoll, of Illinois, thought the bill and amendments should be referred to the committee on Reconstruction, and that Mr. Stevens declined to yield for that purpose.

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